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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKESHI SAITO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: HOANG, D. L.
SERIAL NO: 10/722,468 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 28, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2136
FOR: AV COMMUNICATION CONTROL :
CIRCUIT FOR REALIZING COPYRIGHT
PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO
RADIO LAN

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance of August 9, 2007, Applicants provide the following comments.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance states that the pending Claims 4-6 and 10-12 recite:

... an external connection terminal capable of being connected with either one of the AV stream signal line and the general purpose bus, for receiving AV data from one of the AV stream signal line and the general purpose bus; another selection unit configured to select a target to supply AV data received at the external connection terminal to either an AV stream internal signal line connected to the copyright protection processing unit or a general purpose internal bus connected to the selection unit; and a selection control unit configured to control selecting operations of the selection unit and the another selection unit in synchronization. (Emphasis added)

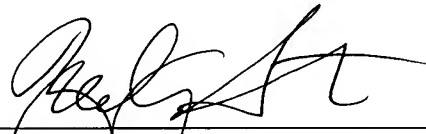
While the Notice of Allowance acknowledges that independent Claims 1 and 7 are amended to recite the allowable subject matter of canceled Claims 4 and 10, Claims 1 and 7

recite "an external connection terminal connected with either one of the AV stream signal line in the general purpose bus" instead of "an external connection terminal capable of being connected with either one of the AV stream signal line and the general purpose bus," as asserted by the Notice of Allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1 and 7, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable for reasons independent of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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